

2023 Joint Directors Meeting



Welcome to the
annual membership meeting
of UCEDD, LEND, and IDDRC Directors

Outgoing Board President



Carol Salas Pagán, PsyD

El Instituto de Deficiencias en el
Desarrollo (UCEDD)

Universidad de Puerto Rico

Incoming Board President



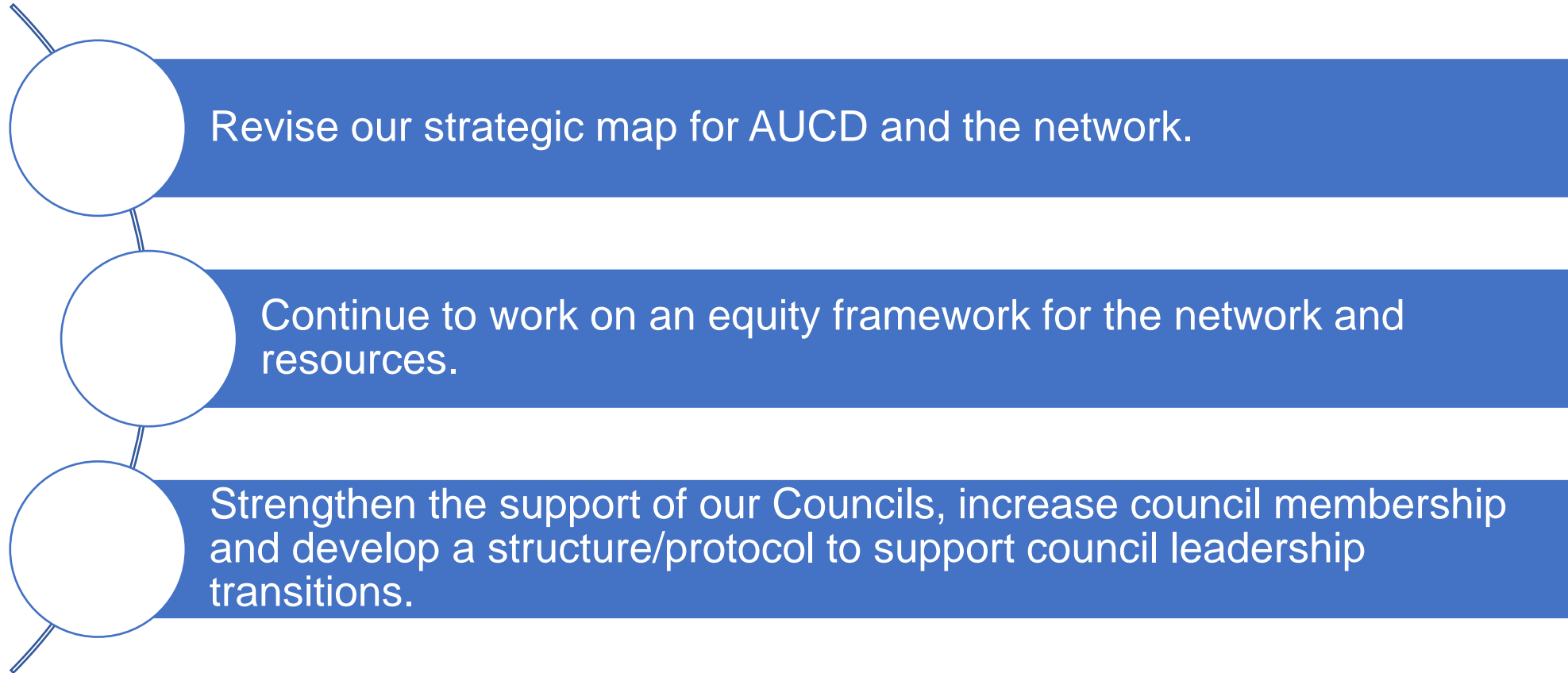
Derrick Willis, MPA

Center for Disabilities and
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2023 AUCD Presidential Goals and Priorities

- Focus on reaching a consensus on a network-wide conceptualization, definition, and plan of action for equity.
- Re-visit our strategic plan to ensure it reflects our current diverse membership and current living conditions (after COVID).
- Work with the network to support better communication and foster connections with agencies and organizations related to emergencies and public health to build trust, create sustainable relationships, and gain a seat at the emergency planning table to provide expertise and leverage the network in emergency response.

2024 AUCD Presidential Goals and Priorities



New AUCD Board Members



Sharon Milberger

Director of Michigan UCEDD
and LEND

At-Large Member



Marcia Moriarta

Director of University of New
Mexico Center for
Development and Disability

At-Large Member

New AUCD Board Members



Beth Boone

Associate Director Florida Center for
Inclusive Communities (FCIC)

Chair, Community Education and
Dissemination Council, (CEDC)

Exiting AUCD Board Members



Danny Armstrong
UCEDD
Past President



Colleen McLaughlin
UCEDD
At-Large Member



Susanna Miller Raines
UCEDD
Chair, Community Education
and Dissemination Council

Finance Updates

Linda Russo, MAE, MSHQS,
Secretary/Treasurer

Family Faculty/Inclusion and Advocacy
Coordinator

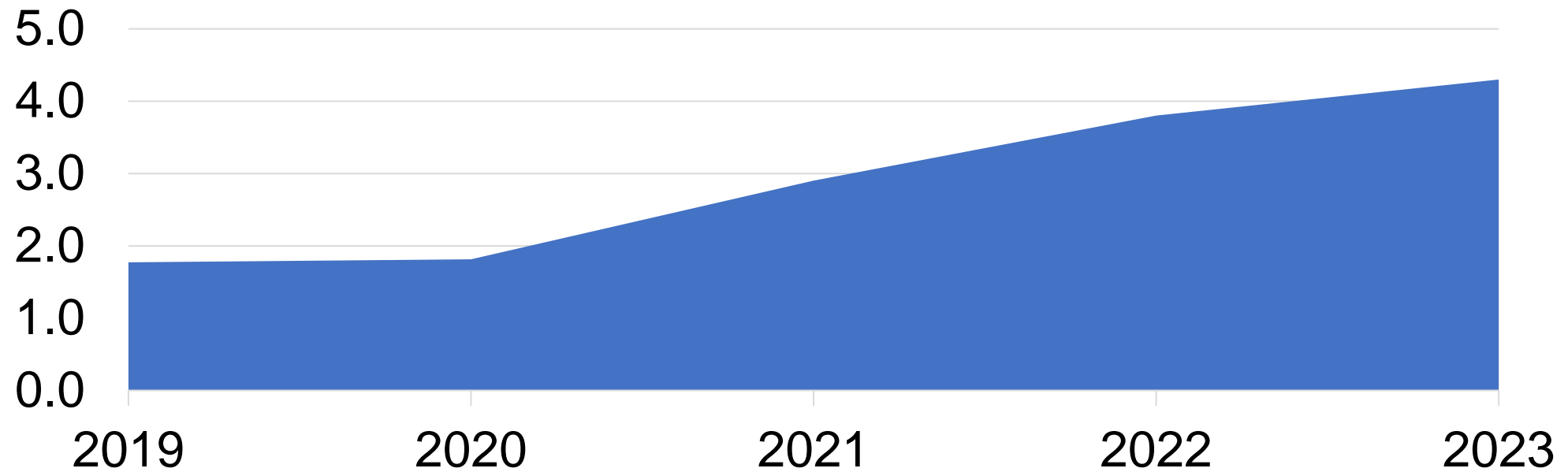
University of Alabama at Birmingham UCEED,
LEND, PPC, PIPA
Birmingham, Alabama



Financial Year Highlights

- AUCD FY2023 revenue was \$12,082,577 compared to \$13,825,539 in FY2022
- Year-end **unrestricted net assets were \$4,311,600** which is **\$558,435 more** than the prior year
- AUCD's **reserve fund now exceeds 4 months**

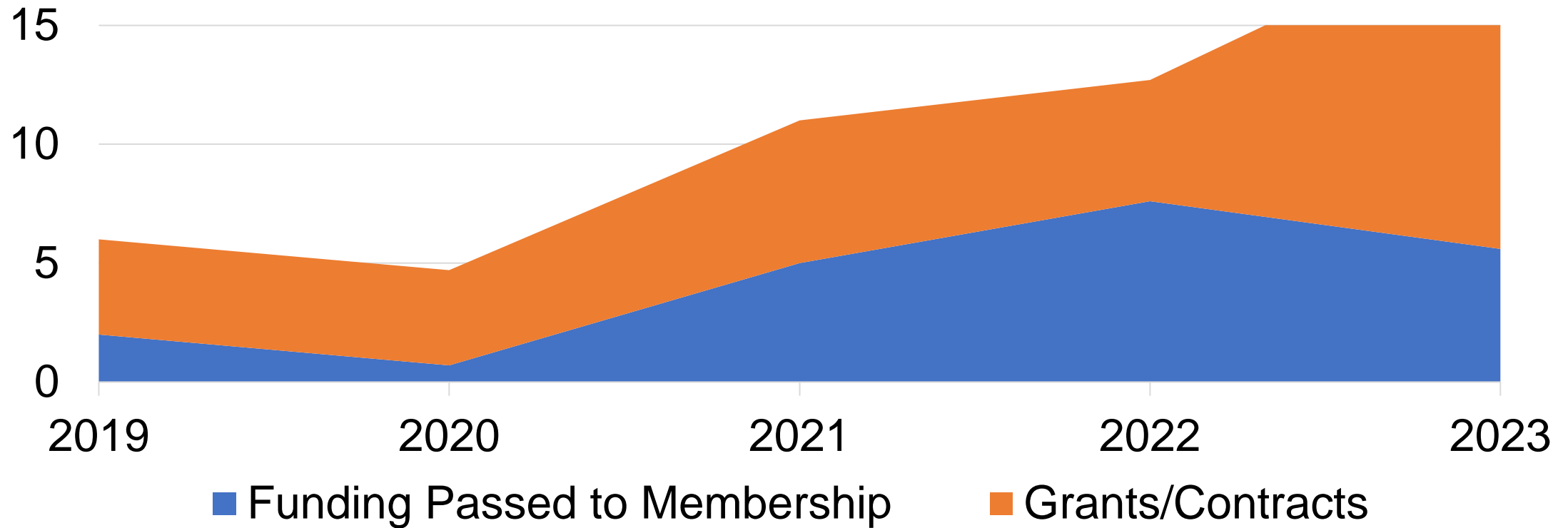
Unrestricted Net Assets



Financial Year Highlights

- AUCD passed to its members \$5.6 million in funding compared to \$7.6 million of funding in the previous year (due to expiring grant awards)
- AUCD FY24 projection is over \$3.9 million passed to members
- Membership dues are unchanged for FY24

Funding



Policy Update

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Appropriations: Fiscal Year 2024

- The [House of Representatives Appropriations Committee](#) and [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) reached top line spending agreements (302bs) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.
- In the Senate they are \$1.59 billion which is the cap in [The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023](#) ([P.L. 118-5](#)) and in the House \$1.471 trillion or \$119 billion less than the spending caps outlined in the Fiscal Responsibility Act.
- As a reminder, if bills are not passed, by January 1, 2024, FY 2023 spending levels will be cut by an additional 1 percent until all bills are passed, this applies to both defense and non-defense spending.

Appropriations: Fiscal Year 2024

- A continuing resolution (CR) was passed to extend level funding for the federal government through November 17th. It continues the prior year appropriations at the same level.
- There is still no top-line agreement on funding levels for Fiscal Year 2024 between the House and Senate.
- What Next?...Now that we have a new House Speaker, we hope progress will be made in the near future.

Appropriations: Fiscal Year 2024

- The Senate has passed all twelve appropriations bills through the Appropriations Committee. They are starting to make plans to move smaller packages of bills called mini-buses. There are no plans for the Labor-Health-Human Services-Education-Related Agencies (LHHS) bill yet. Most disability programs are level-funded for Fiscal Year 2024.
- In the House, the LHHS bill has been marked-up in the LHHS subcommittee. It has not passed full Appropriations Committee. The House has not passed the LHHS bill through the Appropriations Committee, funding levels for disability programs are not known yet.



Appropriations FY 2022 – FY 2024

Program (in thousands of dollars)	FY 21: Enacted	FY 22: AUCD's Request	FY 22: President Budget	FY 22: Enacted	FY 23: President's Budget	FY 23: AUCD Request	FY 23: Enacted	FY 24: AUCD's Request	FY 24: President Budget	FY 24: Senate Bill	FY 24: House Bill *TBD. Funding for programs shows in the report and the bill has not moved through subcommittee
Autism and Other Developmental Disorders	\$53,844	\$56,500	\$57,000	\$54,344	\$57,344	\$57,344	\$56,344	\$58,344	\$57,344	\$56,344	
Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities	\$36,245	\$38,000	(LENDs are funded in report language)	\$37,245	(LENDs are funded in report language)	\$40,000	\$38,245	\$40,000	(LENDs are funded in report language)	Report states support for LENDs	
University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities	\$42,119	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$42,119	\$47,173	\$47,173	\$43,119	\$47,173	\$46,173	\$43,119	
Birth Defects, Developmental Disabilities, Disabilities and Health*	\$167,810	\$180,000	\$173,000	\$177,060	\$195,310	Will Support Friends Ask	\$205,560	\$223,000 (Friends Ask)	\$223,000	\$206,060	
Model Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities	\$13,800	\$14,000	\$15,180	\$13,800	\$15,180	\$15,180	\$13,800	\$15,180	\$15,180	\$13,800	
Developmental Disabilities Projects of National Significance	\$12,250	\$14,000	\$13,000	\$12,250	\$24,600	\$24,600	\$12,250	\$12,250	\$16,000	\$12,250	
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*	\$1,593,370	\$1,708,000	\$1,942,000	\$1,683,009	\$1,674,941	\$1,816,000 (Friends Ask)	\$1,749,000	\$1,877,000 (Friends Ask)	\$1,749,078	1,759,078	
National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research*	\$112,970		\$118,619	\$116,470	\$118,619	Will Support Friends Ask	\$119,000	Will Support Friends Ask	\$119,000	\$119,000	
Assistive Technology*	\$37,500		\$44,000	\$38,500	\$44,000		\$40,000	Support AT Act Programs	\$44,000	\$40,000	

* We support coalition letters and requests from Friends groups that make requests.

Members of Congress on LHHS Appropriations

Senate

- **Tammy Baldwin, Chairwoman (D-WI)**
 - Patty Murray (D-WA)
 - Richard Durbin (D-IL)
 - Jack Reed (D-RI)
 - Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
 - Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
 - Brian Schatz (D-HI)
 - Chris Murphy (D-CT)
 - Joe Manchin (D-WV)
- **Shelly Moore Capito, Ranking Member (R-WV)**
 - Lindsay Graham (R-SC)
 - Jerry Moran (R-KS)
 - John Kennedy (R-LA)
 - Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)
 - John Boozman (R-AR)
 - Katie Britt (R-AL)
 - Marco Rubio (R-FL)

Members of Congress on LHHS Appropriations

House

- **Robert Aderholt (AL) – Chair**
- Mike Simpson (ID)
- Andy Harris (MD)
- Chuck Fleischmann (TN)
- John Moolenaar (MI)
- Julia Letlow (LA)
- Andrew Clyde (GA)
- Jake LaTurner (KS)
- Jake Ellzey (TX)
- Juan Ciscomani (AZ)
- **Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT) – Ranking Member**
- Steny Hoyer (MD)
- Barbara Lee (CA)
- Mark Pocan (WI)
- Lois Frankel (FL)
- Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ)
- Josh Harder (CA)

Members of Congress on Senate HELP Committee

- **Bernie Sanders, Chairman (I-VT)**
- Patty Murray (D-WA)
- Bob Casey (D-PA)
- Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
- Chris Murphy (D-CT)
- Tim Kaine (D-VA)
- Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
- Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)
- John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
- Ed Markey (D-MA)
- **Bill Cassidy, Ranking Member (R-LA)**
- Rand Paul (R-KY)
- Susan Collins (R-ME)
- Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- Mike Braun (R-IN)
- Roger Marshall (R-KS)
- Mitt Romney (R-UT)
- Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)
- Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
- Ted Budd (R-NC)

Members of Congress on House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health

- **Brett Guthrie, Chair (R-KY)**
- **Larry Bucshon, Vice Chair (R-IN)**
- Michael Burgess (R-TX)
- Bob Latta (R-OH)
- Morgan Griffith (R-VA)
- Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)
- Bill Johnson (R-OH)
- Richard Hudson (R-NC)
- Buddy Carter (R-GA)
- Neal Dunn (R-FL)
- Greg Pence (R-IN)
- Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
- John Joyce (R-PA)
- Diana Harshberger (R-TN)
- Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Jay Obernole (R-CA)
- Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA)
- **Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member (D-CA)**
- John Sarbanes (D-MD)
- Tony Cardenas (D-CA)
- Raul Ruiz (D-CA)
- Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
- Ann Kuster (D-NH)
- Robin Kelly (D-IL)
- Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA)
- Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
- Annie Craig (D-MN)
- Kim Schrier (D-WA)
- Lori Trahan (D-MA)
- Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Priority Legislation for 118th Congress

- Budget and Appropriations for FY 2024
- Autism CARES Act
- Better Care Better Jobs Act ([S. 2210](#) / [H.R. 4131](#)) (and other HCBS and Workforce Related bills)
- Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act ([S. 3238](#) / [H.R. 2373](#))
- Administrative Actions such updates to regulations on Section 504, NIH Mission Statement, ODEP Comprehensive Review of 14, and more.

Select Policy Resources

- Lobbying Memo from ACL:
 - [Lobbying ADD PI-01-1.pdf \(aucd.org\)](#)
- [Education and Lobbying One-Pager](#)
- [Other “How- To Policy Materials”](#)
- [Disability Policy News](#)

Annual Highlights



John Tschida, MPP
Executive Director, AUCD

Highlights

- Internally, we've added FTE capacity with a new Chief Strategy and Business Development role (Rodney Samaco), a new Manager on the Community Inclusion team (Chase Mulvaney), and a Junior Accountant (Brittney Swann).
- Delivered the first ever virtual NIRS Boot Camp training over multiple days for LEND and UCEDD/LEND programs to better support them in fully understanding performance reporting requirements and NIRS.
- Hosted event for LEND Pediatric Audiology trainees at the 2023 Early Hearing and Detection Intervention (EHDI) Conference
- Awarded a WITH Foundation grant to evaluate inclusive medical education curricula across the country.

Highlights

- Partnered with the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center for Equity focused on equity in the context of early childhood intervention, and personnel recruitment, preparation and ongoing Support.
- Established a new Special Interest Group of network members interested in conversations related to Home and Community Based Services, and in particular, the implementation of the Settings Rule.
- Completed Season 2 of AUCD's Podcast Series, Network Narratives, focused on elevating the voices of emerging leaders and those from diverse backgrounds.
- Expanded the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Hub to include resources on access and belonging.

Highlights

- Vaccine outreach activities were implemented by 14 project partners (7 Disability Organizations and 7 AUCD Network Centers) resulting in the development of 302 materials. Half of them have been translated into languages other than English. More than 450 virtual and in-person outreach events were held. Activities occurred in 30 states, Washington, DC, and the US Virgin Islands
- Began a new funded partnership with USAging to increase COVID and other vaccination shots in arms to those with disabilities. (Seven AUCD centers will receive subawards.)
- Partnered with the ACL on two new funded projects: a collaboration with the Assistive Technology Act programs across the country; and a planning grant to explore the efficacy of peer support models for AAC users.
- Began redesign of the AUCD web site (targeting late winter 2024 for completion).

Federal Partners Panel



Alison Cernich, NIH

Jennifer Johnson, ACL

Karen Remley, CDC

Michael Warren, HRSA

John Tschida, AUCD



Thank you